

REMARKS

Applicants herein amend the specification to insert a Cross-Reference on page 1 following the title of the invention. Applicants submit no new matter is added by this amendment.

Applicants herein cancel claims 1-14, 16, and 17 without prejudice, and amend claims 15 and 20-31 to remove multiple claim dependencies and to place the claims into better form for U.S. practice. Applicants submit that no new matter is added by these amendments.

Applicants respectfully request that the filing fee be calculated on the basis of the amended claims presented herewith.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would aid in the continued prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to contact Applicants' representative at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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